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**The snow-covered main street in Bolsward, with on the left the magnificent Town Hall and horse-drawn sleighs in the main street. Bolsward is one of the 11 Eleven Cities Skating Race. More on the Friesian Town of Bolsward on pages 22 & 23. (Painting by Oene de Jongh.)**

# Social Functions Calendar & Clubhouse Details

Covid restrictions are in place until further notice. They require that you wear a facemask when you enter the RDC Clubhouse.

It is also a requirement that you show your proof of vaccination, either in printed form or on your phone. In addition, even if you are a little unwell stay home, in order to protect your fellow Neerlandia Club Members. Below you will find the Functions Calendar for Neerlandia and its Sub-Clubs for March/April 2022.

**However, there is no guarantee, that the following schedule can be followed 100%. That is up to Omicron.**

## March 2022

Sunday 6	<u>The Sunday Drive is <b>Cancelled</b></u>	
Sunday 13	<u>Themed Lunch</u>	11.30am
	More details page on page 7	
Wed 2,16,30	<u>Wednesday Bingo</u>	11am
Mon 7,14,21,28	<u>Hollandia Billiard Club</u>	9.30am
Thurs 10,24	<u>Neerlandia Seniors' Club</u>	10am
Thurs 3,10,17,24,31	<u>Thursday Night Card Club</u>	7pm
Friday 25	<u>Maas &amp; Waal Borrel</u> at the RDC Myaree	6.30pm

## April 2022

Sunday 3	<u>The Sunday Drive is cancelled</u>	
Sunday 10	<u>Easter Brunch</u>	10.00am
	More details page on page 11	
Mon 4,11,18,25	<u>Hollandia Billiard Club</u>	9.30am
Wed 13, 27	<u>Wednesday Bingo</u>	11am
Thurs 7, 21	<u>Neerlandia Seniors' Club</u>	10am
Thurs 7,14,21,28	<u>Thursday Night Card Club</u>	7pm
Friday 29	<u>Kings Day Maas &amp; Waal</u> at the Windmills Morley	6.30 pm

## Club details:

Neerlandia is using the Rhein-Donau Clubhouse for most of their activities.

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### **Beste Medelanders,**

It has been a very strange, uncertain month.

And there are a few more of those coming up in relation to Covid Omicron and the WA borders opening up.

But I am sure that in a few months time, we will have had the peak of the case load behind us.

In the meantime, please be aware of the current restrictions when you attend the planned events and follow them strictly.

Of course, if and when the current level one restrictions change to full level 2, we will follow suit, but may have to change the dates of our advertised events/meetings accordingly. But we will inform anyone that has made a booking, if that happens.

Whatever happens, please enjoy the events that have presently been planned.

I do hope to see you all again soon at one of our upcoming events.

Groeten,  
**Eric van Waaijenburg,**  
**President.**

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**Editorial,**

**Re: Adam Muyt.**

Following up on an appeal for information about the Neerlandia Women's Soccer Club in the 1950's, I received an e-mail from Adam, sent from Tasmania, that a few people had contacted him with useful information. I would like to thank our readers for their support.

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***Following the above success, I hope that someone can assist Wim Brocx with his request for information.***

### **Searching for?**

My name is Bill (Wim) Brocx from Victoria Park.

I am searching for a family who in the 1950's used to live in Fern Road, Wilson, close to the Riverton Bridge. The mother's name was Agaath and she had a son and a daughter. Her son used to live on Leach Highway, in Wilson.

If anyone can assist with any information, please phone me on: 08 9361 3752.

**Thank You,**  
**Bill Brocx.**

### NEERLANDIA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS.

**Graham Sack  
Clarissa Sack  
Arno de Smalen  
Cindy Neil (mag. only)  
Catharina Niemann  
Eddy Schoof  
Bruce Hancock  
Martijn Klabbers  
Emma Levy  
Clive Read**

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- ..# Oude jenever (traditional stone bottle) - \$70

Please contact Lianna on 0437 629 635 to  
place your order and to arrange pick up.



### Neerlandia Card Club News.

On Thursday evening, the 27th of February, the Neerlandia Card Club started up again after the summer break, although with reduced Numbers.

**Why is that so, one may ask.**

It had just been announced that the wearing of masks was compulsory inside licensed premises, unless te person is actually eating or drinking. Members also had to show proof of double vaccination before admittance. *There was a mixed reaction to these new rules.*

The vast majority accepted these rules and complied.

Some Members do not like wearing masks inside and decided that they would rather stay home. A couple of Members could not show proof of vaccination and were forced to stay home as well.

And yet some others did not like the fact that Omicron was infecting more and more people in WA and did not feel safe mixing with a group of people. The end result is that on Thursday Nights we can expect that only 8 or 9 Members will turn up, just enough for 2 tables.

### **One casualty of these new rules is the Sunday Drive.**

The Sunday Drives, a sub-venture of the Neerlandia Card Club, are in the same boat. Less than 10 people would be attending. That means that the Sunday Drives meetings are no longer financially viable for the Card Club.

**Consequently the SUNDAY DRIVES ARE IN RECESS until further notice.**

**Pieter Leeftang, President/Secretary.**





## Public health and social measures

For Perth, Peel, South West, Wheatbelt, Great Southern and Pilbara regions



**Level One effective 6.00am, Monday, 21 February 2022**

In light of growing community transmission in WA, new public health and social measures will be introduced in some regions to limit the spread of Omicron and keep Western Australians safe. These measures will be expanded to other regions as cases are identified in the community.



**The mask requirement will be in place for all regions across Western Australia.**

Masks must be worn at all indoor public settings for those aged 12 and over, unless exempt.

### Gatherings:



**Home gatherings**  
limited to 30 people

**200**

**Private outdoor gatherings**  
limited to 200 people

### Entertainment venues:



- **Proof of vaccination requirement**
- **75% capacity limit** for seated entertainment venues such as theatres and cinemas
- **2 square metre capacity rule at Perth Crown Complex** and seated service only on the casino gaming floor



### Schools:



- **Masks required** for all staff and secondary students
- **Proof of vaccination requirements in place** for staff and regular visitors

### Events at major stadiums:



- **Proof of vaccination requirement**
- **75% capacity limit in place** for RAC Arena, Optus Stadium, HBF Stadium (Main Arena), and HBF Park

More information can be found at [www.wa.gov.au](http://www.wa.gov.au)

### Venues & businesses:



**Proof of vaccination requirements in place** for a range of venues, businesses and events



**2 square metre capacity rule in place for some venues** such as hospitality, cultural venues, places of worship, hairdressers and beauty salons

**500**

**500-person capacity limit at nightclubs** in addition to the 2 square metre rule



**Workplaces to implement COVID-safe settings** to manage workforce impacts

### Fitness venues:



- **Proof of vaccination requirement**
- **2 square metre capacity limit** at gyms, pilates, yoga and dance studios

### Health & care facilities:



#### Hospitals:

- **Masks mandatory** for staff and visitors
- **Limit of four visitors** per patient per day
- **Proof of vaccination** required for visitors

#### Aged and disability care:

- **Masks mandatory** for staff and visitors
- **Limit of four visitors** per resident per day
- **Proof of vaccination** required for visitors to aged care facilities

### Remote Aboriginal communities:



**Entry to remote Aboriginal communities** remains restricted, as necessary



***FIRST LUNCH - 2022***  
***NEERLANDIA***  
***KNOWS***  
***YOU WOULD LIKE TO***  
***SEE THE WORLD.***

***CAN'T TRAVEL RIGHT NOW?***  
***COME AND EXPERIENCE OTHER EUROPEAN ETHNIC***  
***CULTURES AND CUISINES RIGHT HERE IN PERTH.***

**Your Committee is working with other Ethnic groups to create special themed Lunches so that we can enjoy a wide variety of cultures and cuisines.**

**All Members are invited to join your Committee and other Members and experience something different, as if you are away on holidays in a faraway place.**

**When – 13 March 2022 – Arrive from 11:30AM – Lunch served at 12:30PM**  
**Where – The Rhein Donau Club – 110 North Lake Rd, Myaree**



What food will you find under that Dome?

**This event is subsidised by your Neerlandia Committee.**  
**Financial Members : \$25.00 Non (financial) Members: \$50.00**  
**Book early to avoid disappointment.**

**Bookings:** Phone John Zwartkruis, Events Coordinator on 0434 920 252 or  
send an email to [terjohnz@gmail.com](mailto:terjohnz@gmail.com)  
**OR** Contact your Neerlandia Committee representative or Club Co-Ordinator.

**Bookings can also be requested through: [neerlandia@dutchclubwa.com](mailto:neerlandia@dutchclubwa.com)**



## Leiden's Ontzet, the full story (cont.)

### Leiden's Ontzet, as told by the Mayor.

*(Continuation of story published in our December/January issue)*

Upon their return, the Spanish troops stopped in Utrecht. Things went awry from here. The Governor of the City, Count La Roche, had given permission for the Spanish troops to seek shelter in the outskirts of the City. But, before their arrival, La Roche had instructed his Citizens to remove everything from their homes, in such a way that there was not a single bit of fabric, not a single pot to cook with, no plate to eat from, no seat to sit on, not even wood to stoke the fire, nor straw to sleep on. The soldiers were in a bad way and did not even have shoes on their feet anymore. A few of the disaffected soldiers took revenge and set alight a few homes. Valdez however, quickly had them arrested and wanted them to pay for the damage. However, the anger amongst the Citizenry had set in. They took up arms against the Spanish, who fled into monasteries and castles to escape. Those soldiers who were not fast enough to seek shelter were hit and mishandled. They even took away the crutches from a crippled Soldier and made him dance in the middle of the street, whilst they all made fun of him.

Around the 18th of May 1574, the first Spanish troops arrived East of our City. Then we saw more forces coming from the West. They came from the dunes near Haarlem, then via the Haarlemmermeer and heading in the direction of Leiderdorp. Other forces came from the South via the Rhine at Schoonhoven and also from South-West via Alphen Aan de Rijn. The Spanish found that their forts and trenches had not been touched by our Citizens and thus were able to resume their siege of our City Leiden without having to make any repairs.



During the months that followed, there was a food shortage, causing a critical situation whereby our Citizens were now in severe danger of starvation. This was despite our market gardeners having prepared our fields immediately outside our City walls to grow cabbages. These cabbages assisted, but were insufficient, to feed all of our Citizens.

Furthermore, various diseases such as Typhoid, Cholera and the Pest had broken out, which ravaged our inhabitants. This situation had by now been reported to Valdez. He was told  
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## Leiden's Ontzet, the full story (cont.)

that Citizens had come out of the City looking like skeletons, close to death. Sadly, the rations within our City were now half a pound of bread per day. However, these were only available to the rich, who could pay for them.

Seeing the plight of my Citizens, I had offered to kill myself and allow the Citizens to eat my flesh. However, they begged me not to do so.

Word of this poverty and starvation was also reported to William of Orange as well as the



Governors of the Provinces of Holland. The fear among these Governors was that if Leiden was to fall, then the City of Delft would not be safe either and, such a defeat would smother any remaining resistance. The Governors of the provinces of Holland finally agreed to a plan to flood a great deal of the south of Holland in order to drive the Spanish forces away.

The plan was to punch holes in the dikes near Rotterdam

## Leiden's Ontzet, the full story (cont.)

and Capelle aan Den IJssel, flood the polders all the way to Leiden in the hope the water would drive Spanish forces away. Initially there were delays caused by unfavourable weather. Fortunately, a wind change caused high tides and allowed the sea water to flow through the dikes. The well-armed Geuzen (Beggars of the Sea) finally could enter the flooded area with their flat bottom boats and set sail towards the besieged City.

On the night of 2 October to 3 October, the Spanish finally left their trenches and departed our City. The following day we welcomed the Watergeuzen into our City. They had brought much needed foods, such as Herring & White Bread. One of our orphan boys, called Cornelis Joppenszoon, found a big pot of "Hutspot" left behind by the Spanish near the Lammenschans (Lamb Trenches). It consisted of turnips, carrots and onions. (There is the recipe of the meal that is eaten even these days, while celebrating Leiden's liberation). Of course, turnips are replaced by potatoes.

*Let me introduce Magdalena Moons, who will continue our story.*

Thank you my Lord Mayor. History shows that I have been hailed as a heroin. How so?



You may well ask. Well, I had been introduced to, and had fallen in love with, the Spanish General, Francisco Valdez. After some time away from Den Haag, he had returned to Den Haag as ruler of the Netherlands. Because of this, my brother had to relinquish his role as Mayor of the City of Leiden.

During a dinner, I convinced Francisco Valdez to delay any attack on Leiden, because I had many family members, and friends living there. In exchange for that consideration, I had promised to marry him. General Francisco Valdez was indeed persuaded by my promise and he delayed the attack on Leiden by a number of days. Because of this delay, it allowed the Geuzen just enough time to liberate

the City.

*Compiled by John Zwartkruis from the internet.*

*Next month – What were the consequences and benefits flowing from this victory?*

**Our Placemats were so popular that we have resolved to reprint more if we have sufficient requests. You must order the whole set of 10 for a mere \$10.00. If you would like to order your set of 10 placemats, please contact either:**

**Henry Koldenhoven on [henri.k@bigpond.com](mailto:henri.k@bigpond.com) or phone 9459 4180 OR**

**John Zwartkruis on [terjohnz@gmail.com](mailto:terjohnz@gmail.com) or 0434 920 252**



# The Bingo Page



## NEERLANDIA BINGO ON WEDNESDAY.

Day Games only.

2nd, 16th and 30th of March.

13th and 27th of April.

Games start at 11am—Doors open at 10am.



*Lunch, a bowl of soup with bun is \$7.50, at cost. Coffee/tea/biscuits free, self help.*



**Bingo on Wednesday 2nd February.** We started the year with 32 players wearing masks.



**Bingo on Wednesday 16th February.** With 31 players around the tables, it was just great.

### **BINGO BULLETIN.** *From your friendly Bingo Organiser.*

The COVID scare kept some players away, hence fewer players on the 2 game days.

Over the February game days, a number of players won special prizes above their normal winnings: **Bernie Uyen, Riet Oorschot, Greta van Sant and Trish King** (a guest player), all played for free (worth \$10 each). A large bag of snickers was won by **Doreen Zarb** and **John Zwartkruis**. The \$25.- loaded games were won by **Rose Groos (\$44.-)** and very appropriate on his birthday(16th February) by **John Zwartkruis (\$42)**.

The Ferrero chocolates, sponsored by Neerlandia, were won by **Henk Uyen and John van Gentevoort**. The Jackpot reached \$55.-. It needs 51 balls to be won. It did not go off, so it will keep on increasing, which will add to the excitement for the next games.

We welcomed 2 new Bingo players on the 16th of February: **Ans Monfils and Fenny Snijders**. Both became Neerlandia Members on the day and they also won some prizes.

*Henk Oorschot and Louis James.*

*For Information call Henk 9256 1977*

# The Easter Brunch



## EASTER BRUNCH – SUNDAY 10 April 2022

Come and join other Members to celebrate Easter a week early at the RDC, 110 North Lake Rd., Myaree, on Palm Sunday the 10th April 2022.

Coffee and Hot Cross bun from 10:00am, followed by a traditional Uitsmijter by 10:30am.

Our surprise lottery will once again be part of proceedings, so be sure to be there.

By having our Easter brunch on Palm Sunday, it will leave you the time to enjoy your Easter on Easter Sunday with your families.

**Tickets are needed for this event and are available from:  
John (Jan) Zwartkruis, Events Coordinator for Neerlandia.**

**This event is once again subsidised by your Neerlandia Committee.**

**Full Financial Members only \$10.00 and Non (financial) Members \$20.00**

**Book early to avoid disappointment.**

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send an email to [terjohnz@gmail.com](mailto:terjohnz@gmail.com)

**OR** contact any Neerlandia Committee Members listed in the back of this magazine or your Sub-Club Coordinator.

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# Neerlandia Juniors

## The Neerlandia Juniors Club Rottneest day trip.

On Sunday January 9th, four Neerlandia families arrived at the North Port terminal to board the Rottneest Ferries for the annual day trip to Rottneest Island.

We were very fortunate that this event took place between two Covid-19 restricted measures, and we were only required to wear face masks during the ferry trip.

Upon arrival at Rottneest Island we all headed for the Dome cafe for refreshments, whilst the cycling route and day plans were discussed. Our first leg of the trip was a distance of 2.5km to Geordie Bay. And just as we were warming up, so was the glorious weather. This proved to be a terrific stop, after which we had a number of other stops at the various picturesque bays, a few of which you can see in the pictures.

A big thank you Neerlandia for the partial sponsoring of our great outing.

***Photos by Machiel van der Stelt and Helen Levy.***





## Neerlandia Juniors



Back in Fremantle, we decided to enjoy a meal together. The restaurant we visited also ran a Karaoke session, where some of our youngsters had their 15 minutes of fame.







To build a ship, the *Duyfken* Replica Photo: Robert Garvey

## Wooden Boat Building in WA

Saturday 4 December 2021 – Sunday 1 May 2022

WA Shipwrecks Museum, Cliff Street, Fremantle

Free

Presented by the Dutch Australian Foundation





# National Archives digitizes Dutch Family Records

The following information was received from Dr Nonja Peters in the Netherlands on digitizing and saving the records of Dutch Migrants in WA. The collaboration with Huygens and the National Archives in both countries is to have all our records digitized, so that our future generations will have information to draw on about their families, to write their family history and for academics to write PhDs etc. The most important part of opting to make the records available digitally, is that it caters for how our kids and grandkids prefer to access information. Plus it makes it available internationally so our relatives around the world can also access our emigration and immigration records that are held in the National archives in both countries. I have also started to research the forced labour of our parents during WWII. I hope to be able to show you how to find Nazi "dwang arbeid" - information relevant to your family history soon.

In Perth, I am working with two amazing Dutch women. Marjorie Bly, whose family migrated to WA in 1953. Marjorie was the Assistant Director of the National Archives Office in East Victoria Park. And Ellie Spillekom and her husband came to Australia in 2013. You will know her as the Duyfken cultural heritage officer. Both women are very active in supporting the preservation of Dutch cultural heritage in Australia. We are all working to obtain your permission to digitise the materials that I, and my colleague - Dr Sue Summers - collected either with you or a Member(s) of your family, who have since passed. The change that came along with digitisation meant a change in library protocols and so we are on the beat to renew the permission. We certainly hope you will help us in any way you can. We are doing this voluntarily because we firmly believe that your current and future generations in The Netherlands and in Australia will benefit from our efforts. But we can't do it alone, we need your help – all you need to do is fill in and sign a Form.

You can contact us on:

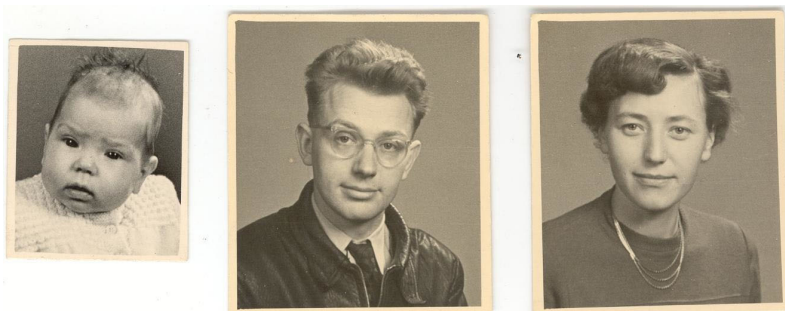
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**Marjorie's dad's Alien registration card.**  
(We were all aliens until naturalized.)

**Elly & Dick make for Australia.**



**Documents recording some of the aspects of Marjorie Bly's family migration to be made available online;**  
courtesy NAA: PP208/1, W1959/5529



# The Seniors' Club

## Neerlandia Seniors Club – News

Welcome to another year of fun activities and fellowship amongst like-minded people, who came to make Australia their home when they left the Netherlands. By the time you read this, we will have completed two months of the New Year 2022 already. That is so hard to believe. And what an eventful year it has been already.

As Henk Oorschot mentioned in his last report, he stood down from his position as leader of the Neerlandia Seniors Club at the end of December. We all thank Henk for the many years of devoted attention to the Neerlandia Seniors Club. We do not overlook the great support Henk received from his wife Riet Oorschot. Henk, without your supportive partner, you could not have achieved the many things you did. So, a BIG THANK YOU to you BOTH.



We recommenced our activities on Thursday 27th January 2022. We were treated to a Welcome Back cake sponsored by Neerlandia.

THANK YOU NEERLANDIA. Every member enjoyed a lovely piece of cake with their morning cup of coffee.





## The Seniors' Club

Unfortunately, we were confronted with a new Government ruling, that requires us to wear masks and as from the 31 January 2022, proof of having received two vaccinations for Covid-19, became compulsory. We gave our Members a secret vote to decide whether future meetings should continue or not. Happily, Members voted 31 to 4 in favour of continuing our meetings, despite the need for wearing masks. It is now up to all Members to uphold this decision and wear their masks, whenever not eating or drinking. Not doing so



can incur a fine of up to \$25,000. Apart from not wearing a mask is not good for your and every one else's health, such a fine is unhealthy for your wealth as well.

We had 39 people attending on the 27th January and 36 on the 10th of February. On the 27th January we had 5 new players, who attended for the first time. Three were Members of Neerlandia already and two were visitors. Both of these returned on the 10th of February and may soon become Members of Neerlandia as well.



Do you need a social outlet? Come and play a typically Dutch game of Sjoelbak, where the only requirements are the skills of a good aim and just the right speed, to send those disks into the 4 different slots.

Maybe you like to play Rummikub? Or cards? Maybe you are a Pool Player?

There are so many things you can do at our Seniors meetings. Everyone also enjoys a two-course lunch, which has a different menu every time we meet. Apart from these fun things, you can also participate in our lottery after lunch and take home up to two lovely prizes.

Why not join in and be part of the "Gezelligheid".

For information contact:

**John (Jan) Zwartkruis – President & Secretary on 0434 920 252 or [terjohnz@gmail.com](mailto:terjohnz@gmail.com).**



Everyone with friends a/o family living in the Netherlands, knows how tough the last two years have been for people living there.

However, on 18 February 2022, everything changed.

And here are the rules for the new normal in the Netherlands.

Interesting to read how those rules compare with ours in WA, introduced on 21 February.

# After nearly two years, on and off, the Netherlands are back to (the new) normal

**Happy Fri-yay! These relaxations are going into effect today**

**Okay, any Friday is almost by default a good day. But today, February 18, is an especially good day in the Netherlands — Dutch society is taking the second step in its grant reopening plan.**

At Tuesday's press conference, Dutch Health Minister Ernst Kuipers announced that the **Netherlands would ease coronavirus measures in three steps.**

The first step was taken immediately as the Dutch government withdrew the advice to have a maximum of four visitors at home and encouraged people to go back to the office for up to half of the working week.

**Now, it's time for step two.**

**Longer opening times.**

Starting today, the catering and cultural sectors keep their doors open past 10 PM. In fact, all locations in the Netherlands are allowed to extend their opening hours until 1 AM — so no need to call the carriage before the clock strikes midnight anymore. Do you know what that also means? Dutch nightclubs are officially opening back up again, too!

Yup, technically, you could celebrate the relaxation of measures by hitting the dance floor. Just remember to show your QR code; those will stay in effect till 25 February.

**Bye, bye fixed seating. (Social distancing)**

Additionally, once you've entered a restaurant, café, concert hall, or football stadium (anywhere, really!), **you'll no longer be required to wear a mask, have a permanent seat, or keep 1.5 meters distance.**

Only at locations with more than 500 people you will have to wear a mask when walking around and maintain social distancing.

**Caught coronavirus? Check the new quarantine advice.**

If you've tested positive for coronavirus, first of all — we wish you a speedy recovery- Second, there's a light at the end of the tunnel because the Dutch government has decided to shorten the required isolation time.

In the Netherlands, the official advice is now to **isolate for five days instead of seven.** So, provided you've been symptom-free for 24 hours, you can roam free on day six already!

**Source: The Dutch Review, 18 February 2022.**



**Social distancing dress.**



## A bit of fun & Members Birthdays

**WITHOUT A SINGLE DEGREE, THEY BUILT US  
ROADS THAT HAVE LASTED AN ETERNITY...**



**AND THEN, THE ENGINEERS ARRIVED!!!**



**Friends please put on a  
mask. It saves lives.  
Yesterday a friend of  
mine went out with his  
girlfriend and on the way  
passed by his wife and  
she did not recognize  
him. The mask really  
saved his life**



**The following Members will  
celebrate their Birthday  
during the month of March  
2022**

**We wish them all a very  
Happy Birthday!**

Joke	Brussaard
Stefan	Haze
Harry	Crijns
Glenys	Vandenberg
Corry	Fisher
Brian	Nichols
Sonja	Lyons
Camille	Goodchild
Lynne	Smit
Margita	Chudziak
Mary	Vogels
Helen	Levy
Tjeerd	van der Meulen
Tiny	van Doorn
Linda	Slater
Jacobus	Voorn
Beatrix	Broekman
Jan	Lagerwey
Ida	van der Kooij
George	Spanbroek
Nelly	van der Heiden
Harold	Loverly
Brenda	Wubs

**If your birthday is not  
mentioned or you would like  
to change the details, that can  
be arranged.**

**To make changes to the above  
you need to send an E-mail to  
the following:**

**[Neerlandia@dutchclubwa.com](mailto:Neerlandia@dutchclubwa.com)**



## May a bit of Humour light up your Day

### Jack woke up after the firm's Christmas party.



Jack woke up with a huge hangover after attending his company's Christmas party. He wasn't usually a big drinker, but the drinks didn't taste like alcohol at all. He didn't even remember how he got home from the party. As bad as he was feeling, he wondered if he had done something wrong. Jack had to force himself to open his eyes, and the first thing he saw was a couple of painkillers next to a glass of water on the side table. And, next to them was a single red rose! Jack sat up and saw his clothing in front of him, all clean and pressed. He looked around the room and saw that it was in perfect order, spotlessly clean. So was the rest of the house.

He took the painkillers and cringed when he saw a huge black eye staring back at him in the bathroom mirror. Then he noticed a note hanging on the corner of the mirror written in red with a kiss mark from his wife in lipstick: "Honey, breakfast is on the stove. I left early to get some groceries to make your favourite dinner tonight. I love you, darling! Love, Jillian."

He stumbled into the kitchen and sure enough, there was a hot breakfast, steaming hot coffee and the morning newspaper all waiting for him. His son was also at the table, eating breakfast. Jack asked: "Son, what happened last night?"

"Well, you came home after three in the morning, drunk and out of your mind. You fell over the coffee table and broke it, then

you puked in the hallway, and got that black eye when you walked into the bedroom door." Confused, he asked his son: "So, why is everything in such perfect order and so clean? I have a rose and breakfast on the table waiting for me?"

His son replied: "Oh that! Well, Mum dragged you into the bedroom and when she tried to take your pants off, you screamed: "Leave me alone, I'm married!"

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### The cheating husband.



A woman was sure that her husband was cheating on her by having an affair with the maid. So she laid a trap.

One evening she suddenly sent the maid home for the weekend and didn't tell her husband. That night when they went to bed, the husband gave the old story: "Excuse me my dear, my stomach aches and I cannot sleep" and went to the bathroom.

The wife promptly went and got into the maid's bed. She switched the lights off. The bedroom door opened and her husband came in silently, he wasted no time or words but had his way with her.

When he finished and was still panting, the wife said: "You didn't expect to find me in this bed, did you," and she switched on the light.

"No, certainly not" said the Gardener, laying next to her.

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### The lawyer and the flight attendant...

A lawyer boarded an airplane in Halifax



with a box of frozen crabs and asked a blond stewardess to take care of them for him.

She took the box and promised to put it in the crew's freezer.

Then he advised her that he was holding her personally responsible for them to stay frozen, mentioning in a very

haughty manner that he was a lawyer, and proceeded to rant at her, about what would happen if she let them thaw out.

Needless to say, she was very annoyed by his behaviour.

Shortly before landing in Toronto, she used the intercom to announce to the entire cabin: **"Would the lawyer, who gave me the crabs in Vancouver, please raise your hand?"**

Not one hand went up... So she took the frozen crabs home and enjoyed eating them.

**Two lessons here:**

1. Lawyers aren't as smart as they think they are.
2. Blondes aren't as dumb as some folks think.

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**We hope you enjoy these hilarious new words for the Julie Andrews classic!**



*Maalox & nose drops  
& needles for knitting  
Walkers & handrails  
and new dental fittin's,*

*Bundles of magazines  
tied up with string,  
These are a few of my favourite things.*

*Cadillacs, cataracts,  
hearing aids, glasses,  
Polident, Fixodent,  
false teeth in glasses,  
Pacemakers, golf carts  
& porches with swings,  
These are a few of my favourite things.*

*When the pipes leak,  
When the bones creak,  
When the knees go bad,  
Then I remember my favourite things  
And then I don't feel so bad.*

*Hot tea and crumpets,  
and corn pads for bunions,  
No spicy hot food nor  
food cook'd with onions,  
Bathrobes & heat pads,  
hot meals they bring,  
These are a few of my favourite things.*

*Back pains, confused brains,  
and no fear of sinnin',  
Thin bones and fractures  
and hair that is thinnin'.  
And we won't mention  
our short shrunken frames  
When we remember our favourite  
things.*

*When the joints ache,  
When the hips break,  
When the eyes grow dim,  
Then I remember the great life I've had,  
And then I don't feel so bad.*

**THEN I REMEMBER  
THE GREAT LIFE  
I'VE HAD  
AND THEN I DON'T FEEL  
SOOOO BAAAAD !!!!**



# The old Friesian City of Bolsward



**Bolsward** is a City with 10,085 inhabitants in the Municipality of Súdwest-Fryslân, in the Dutch Province of Friesland.

The City is located on the North side of the A7 and the following waterways flow through the City - The Wijmerts, the Stadsgracht and the Leeuwardervaart.

## Flag & Coat of Arms of Bolsward.

**Bolsward** also includes the hamlets Knossens, Laad en Zaad and Spreeuwenstein.

Bolsward is one of the eleven Cities found in Friesland. Until 2011 it was the Capital of the former Municipality of Bolsward.

## History:

The Town was founded on three artificial dwelling mounds, the first of which was built some time before Christ.

The Town is first mentioned in AD 725.



**The 1615 Town Hall.**

During the Middle Ages, Bolsward was a trading Centre and Port City connected to the North Sea via the Middle Sea.

This connection was lost when the Middle Sea was reclaimed to form arable land. But a canal was dug to the North Sea to give Bolsward access to it.

Being a trading City, Bolsward was granted City rights by Philip the Good in 1455.

**The Town Hall of Bolsward** was built around 1615. It was a sign of the City's prosperity in the seventeenth Century. It was enlarged in 1765 and redecorated in the Rococo style.

## Tourism:

These days visitors to Bolsward will discover a City bursting with life, character and a raft of historic, charming buildings and monuments.

...# Stroll around Bolsward's beguiling streets and narrow alleys to discover its rich, historic legacy.

...# Sample some Dutch history at the Sonnema Berenburg jenever distillery.

Tour ancient religious monuments and magnificent buildings in Bolsward's charming City Centre.



**Bolsward in the middle ages.**



**Holiday Rentals.**



**The City Centre with lots of Terraces where to eat and drink.**



**Lots of nature to explore.**



# The old Friesian City of Bolsward



**The arrival of the Festival Queen, the Heakeninginne.**

## The Heamiel Festival:

Firstly a look back in the history and the origin of the Heamiel days. In the past, after the last hay had been collected by the farmers and their servants at the end of June, this fact was celebrated with a communal meal. The hay meal or in Frisian called 'heamiel'.

This was a traditional meal consisting of rice with "Boerenjongens" (Raisins preserved in Dutch Brandewijn). In the City Centre of Bolsward, the inhabitants of Bolsward and the surrounding areas sat at long tables and enjoyed this delicious food. Over the years the celebrations became large and larger and in 1950 it was officially recognized as the 4 days of Heamiel. And in 1952 Heamiel was celebrated with a Hamiel Queen "Heakeninginne". Seated on a cart with hay, she was wheeled into Bolsward with a procession of ladies. The Mayor then welcomed her on the steps of the Town Hall. The Heamiel was officially opened and the 4-day festivities could begin.

People come from far for activities such as: Frisian ring riding, the Markets, the Fair and the eleven Cities cycling race.

But the Oliekoekensplons, Night of the Heamiel, the International Folkloric Dance Festival, the Heamiel closing Night with fireworks and the Heakeninginne entry with floats are regular crowd pullers.

Traditionally, the Heamiel lunch remains, being held where it all started and became an annual recurring element. Bolsward is always full of fun during the last weekend of June.

**Compiled from the Internet by Pieter Leeftang.** In short, you all are most welcome!



**Parade in traditional Friesian costumes.**



**Colourful Dancers and Sumba aerobics enthusiasts.**



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Some letters, e.g. the letters E and A and S can occur more often then others e.g. the letters Q, X or Z.

### Results of last month's Bonus TOP CODEWORD.

**This puzzle was not a pushover.** But once the words: **Zoological, Galactic Vermicelli** were found, the rest became much easier.

*The letter codes for last month's Top Codebreaker were as follows:*

A=9; B=25; C=18; D=20; E=3; F=1;  
G=14; H=15; I=11; J=5; K=23, L=2;  
M=10; N=13; O=8; P=19; Q=22;  
R=16; S=21; T=7; U=17; V=26;  
W=24; X=6; Y=12; Z=4.

### Results of last month's Bonus BOTTOM CODEWORD.

**This puzzle was another challenging one.**

Once the words: **Ballast, Lattitude and Squeal** were found, you were on your way.

*The letter codes for last month's bottom Codebreaker were as follows:*

A=8; B=1; C=19; D=5; E=13; F=20;  
G=14; H=15; I=18; J=21; K=22;  
L=17; M=4; N=10; O=26; P=12;  
Q=9; R=23; S=25; T=2; U=7; V=11;  
W=3; X=16; Y=24; Z=6.



# Two Bonus Code-Word Puzzles

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23		25				1		6		15		6		21
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# Code-Word and Sudoku Puzzles Page

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Some letters, e.g. the letters E and A and S occur more often than others e.g. the letter X or Z.

*To find the first three word of last month's Codebreaker was pretty straightforward.*

*The first 3 words I found were **Alibi, loyalty and Skylights** and once those 3 words were found, it was easy to complete.*

*The letter codes for last month's Codebreaker were as follows:*

*A=13; B=15; C=5; D=14; E=6; F=10; G=8; H=23; I=2; J=17; K=18; L=16; M=7; N=9; O=3; P=25; Q=11; R=19; S=20; T=12; U=4; V=1; W=21; X=26; Y=24; Z=22.*

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

## Sudoku Puzzles

The aim of the Sudoku Puzzle is to insert numbers 1-9 in the each row and column; each 3x3 box must also contain a complete set of numbers 1-9.

### Sudoku 70 Easy Puzzle

5		6		9	3			4
4	7							9
		2		4	8		6	
6	1	5						3
				4				
8			5			9		
		3	2			7		6
1						8		
	4			7		1		

### Sudoku 70 Moderate Puzzle

1	5	4			7	6	9	
			9					
	2	3		6	1	7		4
					6			
			7	5			3	1
3	4				9		6	
	1	7			5			
			4					
	9	6	2				5	8

### Last month's Sudoku Easy 69 solution

6	7	8	3	1	2	4	5	9
2	9	1	8	4	5	6	7	3
3	5	4	9	6	7	8	1	2
8	3	5	1	9	4	2	6	7
1	4	7	2	3	6	9	8	5
9	6	2	7	5	8	3	4	1
4	1	3	5	8	9	7	2	6
5	2	6	4	7	3	1	9	8
7	8	9	6	2	1	5	3	4

### Last month's Sudoku Moderate 69 solution.

8	9	4	1	2	6	3	5	7
1	2	7	3	4	5	8	9	6
3	6	5	7	8	9	1	2	4
5	7	3	2	1	8	4	6	9
2	8	6	9	7	4	5	1	3
4	1	9	5	6	3	2	7	8
6	3	1	4	9	2	7	8	5
7	4	8	6	5	1	9	3	2
9	5	2	8	3	7	6	4	1



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